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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE re the Application of:

Masao SHINOZAKI et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by one month. The required petition fee for a large entity is submitted herewith. If any further extension of time is required to avoid abandonment of this application, such extension is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

Respectfully submitted,

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